reinforce the views expressed by the developing countries that globalisation requires international safety nets for the poor on a global scale, and that multilateral bodies have to consider this aspect while promoting growth, especially pro-poor oriented growth.

Attacks on Indian living in Malaysia

† 4463. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian living in Malaysia have been attacked;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any step for their safety; and

(c) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) Yes, Sir. Ethnic clashes between Malays and Malaysian citizens of Indian origin broke out on 8th March 2001 in the suburbs of Kuala Lumpur. Indian nationals were not involved in the clashes, yet they fell victims to the violence. According to the official estimates six persons including one Indian national and four Malaysian Indians have died in the violence.

(b) and (c) Every possible help was extended by our High Commission to the Indian national who was injured and to the family of the deceased Indian national. Government of India have conveyed our concern appropriately through Diplomatic channels to the Government of Malaysia regarding attacks on Indian nationals. However, the clashes between different ethnic groups of Malaysian citizens is an internal matter for the Government of Malaysia to solve.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.